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Applicants for Rumanian Passports by
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1. A special commission of the State Siguranța, directed by Police Captain Kweiler, has recently extorted large sums in foreign currencies from applicants for Rumanian passports. This commission, which began operations in early 1948, arrests all applicants for passports. The victims are then freed after paying for their release in foreign exchange, but are not given passports. Following a decline in the number of applicants, the commission has summoned earlier victims and offered them passports in exchange for additional payments.
2. Wealthy Rumanian Jews have been the principal victims of this campaign.
3. Funds thus collected are placed at the disposal of the Council of Ministers.

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